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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/527,066
Filing Date	March 17, 2000
First Named Inventor	Douglas Rugg
Art Unit	3727
Examiner Name	Stephen P. Garbe
Attorney Docket Number	5544.1 413428/031

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on JUL 17 2002
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of time of three (3) months & Postcard.

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## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-2515 07/16/2002 AWONDAF1 00000122 09527066
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 01 FC:279 370.00 OP
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other Any additional charge/credits, if any
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$370 & \$460 enclosed
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10,  
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- (1) REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL  
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- (3) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME OF THREE (3) MONTHS FOR RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND PAYMENT OF FEE THEREOF;
- (4) Check in the amount of \$460.00 paying the Petition Fee of \$460.00 required under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3);
- (5) AMENDMENT; and
- (6) Postcard.

We respectfully request a filing date of July 12, 2002, the date of mailing the above-referenced documents, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10.

Respectfully submitted,



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